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Admiral Willard J. Smith
Commandant
United States Coast Guard
USCG Headquarters
1300 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Admiral Smith:

For the past several months, members of my staff have been field testing an electronic device in Southeast Asia. During the course of these tests, we solicited the cooperation of Captain David C. Webb, USCG, Commander of the Southeast Asia Section, USCG, located in Bangkok, Thailand. Captain Webb and the electronics personnel under his command were more than responsive, helped our team in many ways, and generally provided invaluable support to our efforts.

We would also like to express our appreciation for the assistance of Commander Guy W. Mizell, Deputy Commander of the SEA Section, an Electronics Engineering Officer, who accompanied the team both in Thailand and South Vietnam, and who participated in tests and briefings of DOD, US Army, USAF, and USN personnel. Commander Mizell brought a wealth of experience to bear upon the team's problems and was of great value as a participant in technical discussions.

Much of the testing entailed work at the USCG Loran-C Monitor at Udorn-Thani, Thailand. We would like to express our appreciation for the cooperation and support given the test team by the monitor's Commanding Officer, Lt. David A. Carter, USCG; his deputy, CW03 Charles W. Dierolf, USCG; and the men under his command.

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The spirit of cooperation shown by the above-mentioned personnel allowed the team to collect a great deal more data than they would have normally been able to record, and the use of the Udorn facility allowed our technicians to work closely with the Coast Guard's electronics experts to our considerable benefit.

The device we were testing promises to be of value to a variety of US Government operations in Southeast Asia and, for that matter, in many other parts of the world. If you are interested, I would be delighted to arrange for you to be briefed on this device and its potential applications. On behalf of the Agency, myself and my colleagues, I would like to thank the US Coast Guard for its invaluable cooperation and assistance in the successful conduct of our Southeast Asia tests. We would also like to express our special thanks to the specific individuals mentioned above and would appreciate it if you could arrange for copies of this letter to be forwarded to them through appropriate Coast Guard channels.

Sincerely,

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